

The Gospel in Ruth - The Story of Redemption

Part 1 - Choices

Ruth 1 (ESV)

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1. God's Providence

Ruth 1:6 (ESV)

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food.

God, in the book of Ruth, shows us how...

- He reigns over all things and works in the details of people's lives.
- He graciously visits His people, providing for their needs and displaying His glory.
- His Gracious Providence is revealed:
 - Naomi was able to hear of God's activity.
 - Naomi heard that God had not forgotten them.

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2. God's People

- Naomi: A Woman with Honest Hurt** (7-13)
 - Naomi's Plea (7-9)
 - Naomi's Prayer (8b-9)
 - Naomi's Perspective (10-13)
- Ruth: A Woman with Saving Faith** (14-18)
 - Ruth's Commitment to Naomi (14)
 - Ruth's Conversion to the Real God (15-18)

Ruth 1:16 (ESV)

But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.”

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3. God’s Place

Ruth 1:19-22 (ESV)

¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, “Is this Naomi?” ²⁰ She said to them, “Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?” ²² So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

As Naomi and Ruth return to Bethlehem, consider the following:

- Naomi’s Bitterness (19-21)
- God’s Faithfulness (22)

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